

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by ASAI et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1 - 4 each recite determining whether an identical direction is input continuously. ASAI et al. do not show such a feature. ASAI et al. only generally discuss the user input.

The claims also recite moving the character in a stored direction when an identical direction was input. ASAI et al. also do not show this feature. Nor do ASAI et al. show the claimed use of a stored direction to determine the next direction.

Thus, for at least these reasons it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all of the outstanding rejections and provide an indication of the allowability of all of the pending claims.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Reply, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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